

Congressman Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

8/28/80

Dear Don,

I understand that you are now taking testimony to which the enclosed copy of my letter to the FBI may be pertinent.

On page 2 there is reference to 1976 FBI testimony in response to your expressed desires or requests and the fact that within my extensive experience what you were told has always been false.

As long as they are immune those people will never stop playing their unseemly games with you, other Members and the Congress and the Act and requesters under it.

The courts display limitless tolerance and the will of the Congress is largely frustrated.

Although I make no reference to it in the enclosed letter, this particular request is cited in the FBI's 7/1/80 letter to me in which it announced its subordinate of a subordinate's cancellation of the Deputy Attorney General's waiver of fees, in accord with Judge Gosnell's determination that I meet the standards and requirements of the fee waiver. The 7/1/80 FBI letter establishes clearly enough that it had received my 5/22/80 request and thus that it knew I did not make the request for the first time a month later, on 7/29/80.

If these people monitored my medical situation they could not time their dirty tricks better. I enter Georgetown Hospital next Tuesday for determination of the nature of a new arterial blockage, in my left leg, and whether surgery is now ~~indicated~~ indicated. (These problems account for my typing. I must keep my legs elevated.)

Contempt for the Congress is, I think, especially clear in the case I refer to, C.A. 75-226. It is for the scientific testing pertaining to shooting in the JFK case. I now have FBI records it did not provide in that case or under discovery in it in which testing related to still other shots is indicated. Also not from the FBI I have its rejection of the Department's recommendation that it moot that very old case the first time it was before the appeals court, after oral argument but prior to decision. The case then was C.A. 2301-70.

A simple and comprehensible illustration of the fact that with and since their 1976 testimony these people were playing games with you as well as me is a request I made in 1969, for a print of a single movie the FBI withheld from the Warren Commission, showing Oswald being arrested in New Orleans and an unidentified associate. It remained withheld until about a year ago I learned that it was being provided to a later requester. I loaned it to the Dallas Morning News, which lost it. It wrote the FBI promptly for a replacement copy for me, saying it would ~~not~~ pay the cost. All that is required of the FBI is simple and clerical, but I still do not have the print. If it processed requests chronologically I'd have had it a year ago.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg